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Smallpox.—Week ended April 9. Cases: Trino (Novara), 3; Cornaredo (Milan), 1; Gessopalena (Chieti), 1; Montalbano Tonico (Potenza), 1; Gerace Superiore, 2; Polistena, 1; Rizziconi (Reggio Calabria), 9; Sant Antioco (Cagliari), 1.

JAPAN.

Report from Yokohama—Emigrants recommended for rejection.

Passed Assistant Surgeon Cummings reports:

Examination of emigrants.—Number of emigrants per steamship *Tremont* advised to wait: For Tacoma 1. Per steamship *Hongkong Maru*, March 31, advised to wait: For San Francisco 1; for Honolulu, rejected 5; advised to wait 19. Per steamship *Iyo Maru*, April 1: For Seattle, rejected 6; advised to wait 17.

Reports from Kobe—Inspection of vessels—Examination of emigrants—Smallpox at Kobe and Osaka—Plague rats found at Osaka.

Acting Assistant Surgeon Ransom reports, March 18 and 25:

During the week ended March 14, supplemental bills of health were granted to 5 steamships, with an aggregate personnel of 882.

There were inspected 5 vessels, 536 members of crews, 14 cabin and 255 steerage passengers, and 164 steerage passengers were bathed, and their effects disinfected by steam. The number of pieces of personal effects disinfected was 428. Manifests were viséed for 34,808 packages of freight. Vaccination certificates were issued to 164 persons.

Three of the bills of health granted this week were made out last week, but the steamships were delayed on account of bad weather, hence the inspections, etc., were made this week.

Emigrants were examined as follows: Steamship *Shawmut* for Tacoma, passed 20, recommended for rejection 19; steamship *Asia* for Honolulu, passed 46, recommended for rejection 80; for San Francisco, passed none, recommended for rejection 1; and steamship *Aki Maru* for Seattle, passed 64, recommended for rejection 52.

The official report of communicable diseases in Kobe shows for the week 56 cases of smallpox, with 39 deaths. The total deaths reported numbered 179.

From reports from Osaka for the week it appears that while plague among human beings has practically disappeared from that city, rats infected with the plague bacillus are still found. The disinfection of 45,000 houses in Osaka is under consideration.

Week ended March 21. Supplemental and original bills of health granted to 3 steamships and 1 sailing vessel.

There were inspected 407 members of crews, 54 cabin and 212 steerage passengers, and 40 members of crews and 70 steerage passengers were bathed. Their effects were disinfected by steam. The number of pieces of baggage steamed was 284. Manifests were viséed for 45,756 pieces of freight amounting to 3,807 tons. Vaccination certificates were issued to 70 persons. Two vessels were disinfected, both being fumigated with sulphur to kill vermin and having the crews' quarters washed down with bichloride solution.

Emigrants were examined as follows: Steamship *Mongolia*, for Honolulu, passed 71, recommended for rejection 100.